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APPENDIX III.

[VIDE ANSWER TO STARRED QUESTION No. 826 ASKED BY SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN AT THE MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER 1958, PAGE 494 SUPRA.]

[SUBJECT.—*Compilation of cost of living index.*]

(*a*) The list of commodities, the prices of which are taken into account in compiling the cost of living index will be found in the Annexure.

(*b*) & (*c*) The index number for Madras City are compiled since 1939 onwards and the index numbers for Nagercoil from 1955 and for other centres from 1941. The index numbers are being compiled for six places, viz., Madras City, Cuddalore, Tiruchirappalli, Madurai, Coimbatore and Nagercoil.

(*d*) As far as information is available dearness allowance is paid by certain employers on the basis of the cost of living index in the following places :—

Madras City, Cuddalore, Tiruchirappalli and Coimbatore.

ANNEXURE.

List of commodities, the prices of which are taken into in compilation of cost of living index numbers for various centres.

Food—
- Rice.
- Millets.
- Pulses.
- Tapioca.
- Vegetables.
- Fish.
- Meat.
- Coconut.
- Milk.
- Salt.
- Chillies.
- Tamarind.
- Turmeric (kitchen).
- Coriander seeds.
- Mustard.
- Garlic.
- Vegetable oils.
- Ghee.
- Sugar.
- Jaggery.
- Coffee.
- Tea.

Fuel and lighting—
- Firewood.

Fuel and lighting—*cont.*
- Charcoal.
- Kerosene oil.
- Matches.

Clothing—
- Dhoties.
- Shirting.
- Upper cloth.
- Sarees
- Petticoats.

House rent—

Miscellaneous—
- Betelnuts.
- Betel-leaves.
- Tobacco for chewing.
- Beedies.
- Expenditure on education.
- Dhobi and soap (washing).
- Shaving charges.
- Travelling to and from place of work.
- Amusements.
- Medicine and medical charges.
- Household requisites*.
- Tailoring*.

* These are taken into account only in the index for Nagercoil.